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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8499

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY BUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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AMCONSUL BELIZE

UNCLAS PORT OF SPAIN 2802

E.O. 11652/ N/A

TAGS: PFRO, OAS, GT, BH, TD, PBOR, ELAB

SUBJECT: TRINIDAD TO BOYCOTT OAS CONFERENCE IN GUATEMALA

REF: A) POS 2672 (NOTAL); B) POS 2731

1. THE GOTT HAS DECIDED THAT IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF LABOR MINISTERS IN GUATEMALA NOVEMBER 21-28 BECAUSE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GUATEMALA/BELIZE DISPUTE. THE CABINET'S ACTION REVERSED AN EARLIER DECISION TO SEND MINISTER OF LABOR BRENSLEY BARROW TO THE CONFERENCE (REF A) AND IS EXPRESSLY INTENDED TO PORTEST AGAINST GUATEMALA'S CLAIMS ON BELIZE.

2. COMMENT: THE DECISION IS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE GOTT'S CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF A FELLOW CARICOM MEMBER. IT FOLLOWS CLOSELY ON PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENTS OF MEXICO AND GUATEMALA ON NOVEMBER 6 KREF B). WHILE THERE IS LITTLE THAT RINIDAD CAN DO PHYSICALLY TO

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SUPPORT BELIZE, THE GOTT WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE TO USE

WHATEVER OPPORTUNITIES EXIST OR CAN BE CREATED WITHIN  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR BELIZE IN WHAT  
DR. WILLIAMS PERCEIVES AS A COMMON STRUGGLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
CARIBBEAN STATES AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS OF THEIR  
LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS.  
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